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SUBJ: U.S. AIDE-MEMOIRE ON GOA TANKER PREFERENCE POLICY

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1. E/C COUNSELOR CALLED ON HALTON, SECRETARY, GOA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, MAY 8 TO DISCUSS GOA TANKER
POLICY AND PRESENT AIDE-MEMOIRE PER REFTELS.

2. INTRODUCING AIDE-MEMOIRE, WE SUMMARIZED U.S. CONCERNS
IN REFTELS AND EMPHASIZED ADMINISTRATION'S ACTION IN
REJECTING SIMILAR PROPOSALS IN U.S.

3. IN RESPONSE HALTON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN U.S. POLICY
PREFORMANCE ON THESE ISSUES, INQUIRING ABOUT POLICY ON
TANKER TRADE BETWEEN ALASKA AND CONTINENTAL U.S., AS WELL
AS RE CANADA-U.S. PIPELINE. WE SUGGESTED ALASKA-U.S. TRADE
HARDLY PARALLEL SINCE IT BETWEEN TWO U.S. POINTS ANALOGOUS
TO AUSTRALIAN TANKER TRADE BETWEEN BASS STRAIT AND MAINLAND.
PIPELINE CASE EQUALLY DIFFICULT TO RELATE TO TANKERS.
WE SUGGESTED U.S. POLICY ON CARRIAGE OF PETROLEUM IMPORTS
FROM MID-EAST AND AFRICA MORE APPROPRIATE PARALLEL. HALTON
DID NOT PURSUE POINT FURTHER AND APPEARED TACITLY TO AGREE.

4. FOR HIS PART, HALTON REITERATED IMPORTANCE GOA ATTACHES
TO DIRECT AUSTRALIAN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF SIGNIFICANT
PORTION TANKER CAPACITY REQUIRED FOR AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM
IMPORTS. THIS DUE IN PART TO ISOLATED LOCATION OFF MAIN
SHIPPING ROUTES PLUS GENERAL DESIRE FOR GREATER AUSTRALIAN
ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION IN SHIPPING ACTIVITIES SERVICING
AUSTRALIA.

5. COURTESY COPY OF AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED LATER SAME DAY
TO HUMPHREYS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO PROMISED DFA WOULD STUDY
BUT OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.
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